

Other Agricultural Statistics

PRICES

Annual average prices for New York produced agricultural commodities during this year had livestock prices mostly down and crop prices up. Prices for potatoes and barley were down while wheat, oats, corn for grain, dry beans, and soybeans were up. Hay prices were unchanged.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices decreased from a year earlier. Steers and heifers averaged \$68.90 per hundredweight (cwt.) during the year, down 6 percent from 2005, and slaughter cows also down 7 percent to \$43.50 per cwt. over the same period.

The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$44.40 per cwt., down 12 percent from 2005. Calf prices increased 4 percent from 2005, up to \$145.00 per cwt. for 2006. At the National level,

annual average prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 2 percent lower in 2006.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$38.00 in 2006, down 2 percent from the previous year. Lamb prices were down 12 percent to \$120.00 per cwt.

Table egg prices averaged 40.7 cents per dozen for 2006, up 41 percent from 2005. At the U.S. level, hog prices averaged 8 percent lower and lamb prices were down 13 percent from previous year. The National average for table egg prices during 2006 were 16 percent higher than during 2005.

Wholesale milk prices received by New York dairy farmers averaged \$13.40 per cwt. during 2006, down 16 percent from 2005, down 20 percent from the 2004 average price.

Table 80. **PARITY RATIO:** Monthly and Annual Average, United States, 1998-2006 ^{1/}

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
<i>1990-92 = 100</i>													
1998	88	87	89	91	90	89	88	89	88	87	87	87	88
1999	85	84	85	84	85	84	83	85	83	78	80	79	83
2000	76	78	80	84	84	82	81	82	82	77	81	80	81
2001	78	81	83	85	87	86	88	89	86	76	77	78	83
2002	78	80	85	76	78	79	80	81	79	76	78	78	79
2003	79	78	77	79	83	85	83	86	87	88	90	88	84
2004	86	89	92	94	96	95	92	89	86	84	85	83	90
2005	82	83	86	86	85	84	82	82	82	77	79	81	80
2006	76	77	77	75	78	80	79	81	80	80	83	81	79

^{1/} Ratio of the index of prices received by farmers after adjustment for government payments to the index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.